Andhra Pradesh in June, 1989, made a reference about the State Government's failure to maintain law and order situation in the State;

(b) what was the basis on which the Prime Minister made such an assessment;

(c) whether the State Government requested the Central Government for additional battalions of CRPF, more automatic weapons and training to State Police in combating extremists; and

(d) if so, what was the response of the Central Government to the request made by the State Government?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) The Prime Minister in his speeches during his visits to Andhra Pradesh in June, 1989 referred to the delicate law and order situation in the State and absence of a sense of security among the people.

(b) A spurt in left extremists' violence in the State in recent months and incidents of kidnapping of public representatives have created a sense of insecurity among the people in the State.

(c) and (d) Keeping in view the availability position, six companies of C.R.P.F. and adequate quantities of arms and ammunitions have been provided to the State for effectively tackling the left wing extremists violence. The State Government has also been asked to work out an operational plan for dealing with the extremists with specific targets and a time frame. Necessary assistance in finalising the plan is being provided.

RBI directives on residuary non-banking companies

1023. PROF. C. LAKSHMANNA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Reserve Bank of India has issued a new set of directions known as "Residuary Non-Banking Companies (Reserve Bank of India's Directions, 1987)" w.e.f. 15th May, 1987 which are applicable to companies like Peerless General Finance and Investment Company Limited;

(b) whether it is a fact that the Peerless General Finance and Investment Company Limited has again appealed to the High Court challenging the validity of these directions; and

(c) if so, what are the details thereof and what is Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC AFFAIRS IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) Reserve Bank of India has reported that according to information available with it the Peerless General Finance and Investment Company Ltd. has not filed any writ petition before the High Court challenging the validity of Residuary Non-Banking Companies (Reserve Bank) Directions, 1987.

Security wall around Golden Temple in Amritsar

1024. DR. RATNAKAR PANDEY:
SHRIMATI RATAN KUMARI:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have decided to raise a multi-purpose security wall on the outer circle of the ac-

quired area around Golden Temple in Amritsar; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Setting up of National Parks and Wildlife Sanctuaries

1025. SHRI BASUDEB MOHAPATRA: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Wildlife Institute of India has recommended for setting up some more National Parks and Wildlife Sanctuaries and also to declare more areas as protected forests;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) what action Government have since taken on the basis of the recommendations made by the Institute?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRIMATI SUMATI ORAON): (a) and (b) The Wildlife Institute of India in its report entitled "Planning a Protected Area Network in India" has recommended that the existing network of protected areas should be expanded so that it comprises 148 national parks and 503 wildlife sanctuaries covering an area of 1.5 lakh sq. kms. and representing 4.6 per cent of the geographical area. States/Union Territory-wise list of existing and recommended number of national parks and wildlife sanctuaries is given in the statement (*See* below).

(c) The report of the Wildlife Institute of India has been circulated to the State Governments for implemention as setting up of National Parks and Wildlife Sanctuaries is the responsibility of the State Governments. Central Government provides financial assistance to State Governments for increasing the existing protected area network.

Statement

State-wise recommendations for protected area network as per biographic report

Name of State/Union Territory	Sanctuaries		National Parks	
	Existing	Recommended	Existing	Recommended
1	2	3	4	5
Andaman & Nicobar .	94	21	6	17
Andhra Pradesh . . .	17	25	..	6
Arunachal Pradesh . .	4	15	2	9
Assam	8	22	2	4